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*C.I.P.*

*Dear Mr. Kennedy*

*To qualify to the extreme  
an open society and/or government  
must be open to all - even to those  
who would attempt to restrict  
its openness.*

*As duly elected leaders in the  
making of public policy the President  
of the United States would logically be  
the individual with the most  
influence over the degree of openness  
of government and society in the  
United States.*

*Refusal by the President of  
the United States to discuss the  
nature of the C.I.A. in Vietnam*

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*when asked by David B.*

and the limited response to the question of Chet Huntly concerning the nature of policymaking of the C. I. A. is evidence that the government and society of the United States can not qualify in nature as being completely open.

To what degree openness is restricted is conjecture.

The fact that the President does not want to discuss in detail the nature of the C. I. A. brings up the question of how it is possible to accomplish openness in the government and/or society of Vietnam in particular (and others in general) when the President turns from openness at home

A discerning individual who has viewed the 20th Century television program of Sept 1, 1963 (concerning military operation of French Government in Viet Nam) can appreciate the futility of a militant approach to problems in Viet Nam.

There are real problems for individuals in Viet Nam and in the United States and throughout the world. To solve real problems is difficult enough without pursuing imaginary ones or to worsen those that exist by an approach that hurts rather than helps.

By its very nature an open society should formulate an action for individuals concerned.

~~that is more constructive than~~  
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that ensuing in Viet Nam  
at present.

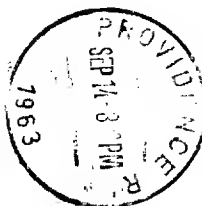
Sincerely,  
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*Mr. John F. Kennedy  
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